

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving at a mobile station ~~supplying~~ user identification data of a first wireless communication device ~~to a second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network over a wireless local link;~~ and

establishing and authenticating a ~~making a data transfer connection from the mobile station to the mobile station's own~~ ~~by said first wireless communication device through said second wireless communication device to said communications network using the~~ received user identification data of said first wireless communication device;

receiving at the mobile station an information content from said communications network over said connection; and

transmitting said information content to said first wireless communication device over said wireless local link.

~~for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said communications network is the closest communications network in which said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ is arranged to operate.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ is a communication device of a cellular network, and said communications network is a cellular network.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ is closer to said communications network than said first wireless communication device, and a connection between said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ and the communications network is identified on the basis of data transmitted from the first wireless communication device.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ establishes a connection to its own communications network on the basis of the user identification data of said first wireless communication device and on the initiative of said first wireless communication device.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ establishes a connection to its own communications network on behalf of said first wireless communication device.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein from a particular server of a particular service provider, information content is distributed via said communications network and said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ to said first wireless communication device in such a manner that the information content is transferred from said server via said communications network to said mobile station ~~second wireless~~

~~communication device~~, and the information content is transmitted from said mobile station ~~second-wireless communication device~~ to said first wireless communication device over a short-range link;

wherein said mobile station is configured to receive said user identification data from a user identification data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
transferring information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second-wireless communication device~~ in such a manner that:

in the section between the first wireless communication device and the mobile station ~~second-wireless communication device~~, the information is communicated over a local link, and

in the section between the mobile station ~~second-wireless communication device~~ and the communications network, the information is communicated over a cellular network connection;

wherein said mobile station is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said local link is a wireless short-range radio link.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising providing to said first wireless communication device a communications network service via said

~~mobile station second wireless communication device~~, in which service an information content is transmitted via said communications network and said ~~mobile station second wireless communication device~~ to the first wireless communication device.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said user identification data of the first wireless communication device comprises at least one of the following: IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity) code, IMUI (International Mobile User Identity) code.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~mobile station second wireless communication device~~ registers to its own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~mobile station second wireless communication device~~ establishes and authenticates a ~~data transfer~~ connection to its own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device for transferring information content between said first wireless communication device and said communications network via said ~~mobile station second wireless communication device~~.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first wireless communication device is one of the following: PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) device, eBook (electronic Book) device.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a transmitter in a first wireless communication device for supplying user identification data of the first wireless communication device to a mobile station over a wireless

local link ~~second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network;~~

a control unit in the first wireless communication device, coupled to the transmitter, for establishing and authenticating a data transfer connection through said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection transferring information content between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~.

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17. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first wireless communication device is configured to receive a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said user data identification module is a module of a first operator, with the aid of which module the first wireless communication device can register, via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~, to a network operated by said first operator.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a transmitter in a first wireless communication device for supplying user identification data of the first wireless communication device to a mobile station over a wireless local link;

a control unit in the first wireless communication device, coupled to the transmitter, for establishing and authenticating a connection through said mobile station to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for transferring information content between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station;

~~The apparatus of claim 15,~~ wherein said mobile station second wireless communication device is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said user data identification module is a module of a first operator, with the aid of which module the first wireless communication device can register, via said mobile station second wireless communication device, to a network operated by said first operator.

23. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first wireless communication device does not have a long-range communication capability necessary to directly communicate with said network;

wherein said mobile station is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said first wireless communication device does not have a long-range communication capability necessary to directly communicate with said network;

wherein said mobile station is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

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26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means in a first wireless communication device for supplying user identification data of the first wireless communication device to a mobile station over a wireless local link ~~second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network;~~

means in the first wireless communication device, for establishing and authenticating a data transfer ~~connection~~ through said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device for transferring communicating data transfer connection ~~information content~~ between the wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device.~~

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer executable program code therein;

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for receiving at a mobile station ~~supplying~~ user identification data of a first wireless communication

~~device to a second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network over a wireless local link; and~~

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for establishing and authenticating a making a data transfer connection from the mobile station to the mobile station's own ~~by said first wireless communication device through said second wireless communication device to said communications network~~ using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device;

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for receiving at the mobile station an information content from said communications network over said connection; and

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for transmitting said information content to said first wireless communication device over said wireless local link.

~~for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device;~~

28. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device at a mobile station~~second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network; and~~

establishing and authenticating through the mobile station ~~second wireless communications device a data transfer connection initiated by said first wireless communication~~

device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for ~~transferring communicating data transfer connection information content~~ between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~.

29. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ is a communication device of a cellular network, and said communications network is a cellular network.

30. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein said first wireless communication device is one of the following: PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) device, eBook (electronic Book) device.

31. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein said user identification data of the first wireless communication device comprises at least one of the following: IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity) code, IMUI (International Mobile User Identity) code.

32. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a receiver in a mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, said mobile station having ~~second wireless communication device being a member of its own communications network;~~
a control unit in the mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~, coupled to the receiver, for establishing and authenticating a data transfer connection from the mobile station to the mobile station's own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for ~~transferring communicating data transfer~~

~~connection~~—information content between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.

34. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a receiver in a mobile station for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, said mobile station having its own communications network;

a control unit in the mobile station, coupled to the receiver, for establishing and authenticating a connection from the mobile station to the mobile station's own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for transferring information content between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station;

~~The apparatus of claim 32,~~ wherein said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said user data identification module is a module of a first operator, with the aid of which module the first wireless communication device can register, via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~, to a network operated by said first operator.

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said first wireless communication device does not have a long-range communication capability necessary to directly communicate with said network;

wherein said mobile station is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means in a mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, said mobile station having ~~second wireless communication device being a member of its own communications network;~~

means in the mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~, coupled to said first mentioned means, for establishing and authenticating a data transfer connection from the mobile station to the mobile station's own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for transferring ~~communicating data transfer connection information content~~ between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer executable program code therein;

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device at a mobile station ~~second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network;~~ and

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for establishing and authenticating through the mobile station ~~second wireless communications device~~ a data transfer connection initiated by said first wireless communication device to said

communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for ~~transferring communicating data transfer connection information content~~ between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~.

39. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a first wireless communication device having user identification data;

a mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ in its own communications network;

said first wireless communication device supplying said user identification data to said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~;

said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~ establishing and authenticating a data transfer connection from the mobile station to the mobile station's own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for ~~transferring communicating data transfer connection information content~~ between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said mobile station ~~second wireless communication device~~.